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Ultrasonic wave medical treatment appts for targets e.g tumours and calculi with MRI guidance - uses ultrasonic wave applicator for generating waves focussed onto treatment target incorporated within table for carrying patient into MRI gantry

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The medical treatment appts includes an ultrasonic wave applicator (1) integrally incorporated within a treatment table (22) for carrying the patient into an MRI gantry (25) for taking the MR images. The surface coil for taking the MR images can be provided on a surface film of a water bag (5) in the ultrasonic wave applicator (1) or on a body cavity probe on which the ultrasonic transducer (2) is located.

The mixing rate of the coupling fluid can be adjusted and the impedance matching between the ultrasonic transducer (2) and the driving circuit (12) can be maintained by minimising the reflected electric power from the transducer.

USE/ADVANTAGE - Treating targets e.g tumours inside body under guidance of magnetic resonance imaging. Eliminates need for re-positioning of ultrasonic wave applicator with respect to patient. High resolution.